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TO be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and play and to look up at the stars. To be satisfied with your possessions, but not contended with yourself until you have made the best of them. To despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice. To be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners. To think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ; and to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors. These are little guide-posts on the footpath to peace.

—*Henry van Dyke*

IF there be some weaker one,
Give me strength to help him on;
If a blinder soul there be
Let me guide him nearer Thee;
Make my mortal dreams come true
With the work I fain would do;
Clothe with life the weak intent,
Let me be the thing I meant;
Let me find in Thy employ,
Peace that dearer is than joy;
Out of self to love be led,
And to Heaven acclimated,
Until all things sweet and good
Seem my natural habitude.

—J. G. Whittier

ET me to-day do something that shall take
A little sadness from the world's vast store,
And may I be so favored as to make
Of joy's too scanty sum a little more.

—*E. W. Wilcox*

UARD well within yourself that treasure, kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness.

—*George Sand*

I AM quite sure that one secret of youth is to keep up with determined and steady hand, one's own tone, to avoid ruts and narrowing circles.

—F. W. Ware

IT is not what a man gets, but what a man is, that he should think of. He should first think of his character, and then of his condition. He that has character need have no fear of his condition. Character will draw conditions after it.

—*H. W. Beecher*

THE little worries which we
meet each day,
May be as stumbling-
blocks across our
way,
Or we may make them stepping stones
to be
Of grace, O Lord to Thee.

—*A. E. Hamilton*

ET the weakest, let the humblest remember that in his daily course he can, if he will, shed around him almost a heaven. Kindly words, sympathizing attentions, watchfulness against wounding men's sensitiveness — these cost very little but they are priceless in their value.

—*F. W. Robertson*

IF any little word of ours can
make one life the brighter;
If any little song of ours
can make one heart the
lighter;
God help us speak that little word, and
take our bit of singing,
And drop it in some lonely vale, and set
the echoes ringing.

EXPECT to pass through this life but once. If, therefore, there is any kindness I can show, or any good I can do to any fellow-being, let me do it now, let me not defer it, for I shall not pass this way again.

—*Mrs. A. B. Hegeman*

OU will find as you look back upon your life that the moments that stand out, the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love.

—*Henry Drummond*

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